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In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 09/837,103

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Art Unit: 2653

For: METHOD FOR RECORDING
ASYNCHRONOUSLY PRODUCED DIGITAL
DATA CODES, RECORDING UNIT USED
FOR THE METHOD, METHOD FOR
REPRODUCING THE DIGITAL DATA
CODES, PLAYBACK UNIT USED FOR THE
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 8, 2004, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I for continued examination. The July 8 Office Action states that Group I includes claims 1-9 and 38-40. Applicants have confirmed with the Examiner that Group I actually includes claims 1-27 and 38-43. Applicants note that claims 28 and 29 will also be examined with the claims of Group I.

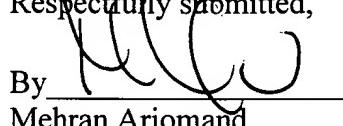
Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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